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In re the Application of: Shigeyuki MARUYAMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2815

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Examiner: Chris C. Chu

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THE SAME MATERIAL WITH A METAL POST

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.312

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Commissioner for Patents P. O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 April 6, 2006

Sir:

Subsequent to issuance of a Notice of Allowance in the above-referenced application, the following amendment and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendment to the Drawing begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.